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The body of Amy Paul, 27, was found on Sept. 17, 2013, in a field southeast of Ottawa. FACEBOOK

Career crook says he didn't kill Amy Paul

'I swear to God.'

Jacques Rouschop says police investigation has ruined his reputation



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A career crook says Ottawa police have ruined his reputation by linking him to the investigation into the killing of sex worker Amy Paul and he wants to clear his name.

Speaking from the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre on Innes Road, where he's being detained on unrelated sexual assault charges, Jacques Rouschop, 41, told Metro while he knows most of the street girls in Vanier, he has never once met Paul and had nothing to do with her Sept. 3 murder.

"They gave my lawyer some documents saying that they found blood in my truck and it was all lies, I swear to God," Rouschop told Metro during a Wednesday afternoon phone interview from the Innes Road jail.

Rouschop's lawyer, Stuart Konyer, would neither confirm nor deny if police said

Alibi

"They know they can't get away with it, because I was doing that theft the night this girl was killed and they have to know this for 100 per cent."

Jacques Rouschop, who says surveillance video clearly shows him stealing lawn tractors the night of the murder.

they found any blood in the truck.

Rouschop says key evidence — a surveillance video — places him in another town, stealing lawn tractors, on the night Paul is believed to have been killed.

"They know they can't get away with it, because I was doing that theft the night this girl was killed and they have to know this for 100 per cent," he said.

The body of 27-year-old Paul was found in a rural Ottawa hay field Sept. 17.

Ottawa police barged into Rouschop's mom's home Oct. 24 with a search warrant.

The warrant, obtained by Metro, states police were searching for a "grey cellular flip phone, female shoes believed to belong to Amy Paul

and female pants believed to belong to Amy Paul."

Several media outlets leaked Rouschop's name in December, saying he was going to be questioned by police on the disappearance of Paul.

He says has not been questioned.

The suggested link to Paul has had detrimental effects on Rouschop and his 65-year-old mother.

Rouschop says a threatening package was delivered to his mom's doorstep in December. The search at her home has left her hiding indoors from neighbours for fear they will ask if her son is a killer.

Police also seized Rouschop's Ford pickup. Rouschop says they claimed they found Paul's blood in the back seat.

Rouschop, who told Metro he is a driver for commercial thieves, has yet to be charged for the murder.

It's important to note Rouschop's DNA has been on file since 2005, when he was ordered to submit it to the sex-offender registry. Police also returned Rouschop's truck, a seemingly unlikely move if it was involved in a homicide.

Nobody has been formally charged in connection with Paul's murder.

Gov't retirees to see premium bump

Federal public servants will have to pay more for retirement health benefits under an agreement that one union says was negotiated with a gun to the heads of retirees.

Under the deal, announced by Treasury Board President Tony Clement, premiums paid by retirees for those benefits will double for all but those with the lowest incomes.

Both sides made compromises to reach a deal on the chan-

ges to the Public Service Health Care Plan, Clement said. He called the agreement fair.

But the unions had little choice but to negotiate, said the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada.

"While we are opposed to these changes, it was made clear to us that if we didn't come to an agreement, these changes would be legislated," said a statement from the union.



Tony Clement
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Retired civil servants pay 25 per cent of their premiums, while taxpayers pay 75 per cent. Under the new agreement, premiums will be split 50-50.

Clement says the deal will save the government \$6.7 billion over six years.

The new cost-sharing will be

phased in over four years.

Clement says low-income pensioners will not be subject to the 50-50 formula and the plan's annual deductible is being eliminated.

Low income is defined as \$16,728 for a single person and \$22,080 for a couple.

Civil servants will have to put in six years of pensionable service instead of two to be eligible for benefits.

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'We just want somebody to say sorry': Mother

Eric Leighton Inquest.
Too much blame put on students: Sheri Leighton

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Three days of testimony about the death of Eric Leighton in a 2011 Mother Teresa High School shop class has brought new information to light, but not the one thing his parents were hoping to hear.

Speaking outside the coroner's inquest, Leighton's mother Sheri said they have learned details from the day when the oil drum her son was working on exploded after being ignited by sparks from a grinder, but no one wants to admit responsibility.

"A lot of the blame still seems to be put on the (students).... We just want somebody to say, 'I'm sorry,' you know, 'We made a mistake,'" she said. "Everybody wants to

hide behind lawyers."

Allan O'Brien, a lawyer for the Ottawa Catholic School Board and its teachers, said the inquest shouldn't be confused with a civil suit between the family and the board.

"The inquest is so the public will know what happened," explained O'Brien. "And steps can be taken to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Ministry of Education lawyer Christopher Thompson asked principal Mary Ellen Agnel if it was normal to work on a barbecue in a class called Transportation Technology.

"I trusted my teachers completely," replied Agnel. "Sometimes there weren't cars to work on."

Kevin Nearing, a former shop class teacher, told the inquest working on projects not directly related to transport isn't unusual because it teaches transferable skills. He said smaller classes of 16 rather than 21 would be safer and easier to monitor.



Eric Leighton's parents, Sheri and Pat, speak with reporters outside a coroner's inquest into Eric's death in a shop class at Mother Teresa High School in 2011.

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'High-calibre'

Homes evacuated after ammo found

Gatineau police and Sûreté du Québec officers locked down a residential neighbourhood after finding "high-calibre" military ammunition inside a vacant apartment.

Gatineau police responded to a call around 2 p.m. and formed a 100-yard perimeter around an address close to 236 rue du Louvre. They evacuated 50 to 75 people from the area and rerouted a school bus.

Gatineau police spokesman Jean-Paul Lemay said there were no explosives found. Police later sent out a press release to say the equipment posed no imminent danger and the perimeter was reduced to the targeted area.

LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

'Very mild' injuries

Lab experiment hospitalizes kids

A school chemistry experiment gone wrong sent nine students to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario on Wednesday.

Ottawa paramedics were called to the Higher Learning Institute, at 3047 Carling Ave., at 12:17 p.m., when a student mixing chemicals produced chlorine gas, causing eye and throat irritations and shortness of breath.

Paramedics assessed 11 students after the school of roughly 30 students, ages 10 to 17, was evacuated. Frank Lalonde, public information officer for the Ottawa Paramedic Service, said the gas probably spread through the ventilation system. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO



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Sandy Hill. Ottawa city council rejects nine-storey student housing

Sandy Hill residents will not see a new nine-storey student housing building sprout up in their neighbourhood anytime soon.

City councillors voted 14-9 against the controversial project Wednesday morning. Six buildings would have been demolished along Laurier Avenue East and Friel Street, near the University of Ottawa, to make way for the mixed-use 180-unit building.

Developer Viner Assets proposed the plan and the city's planning committee had recommended it be approved.

But in a rare move, council members voted against the committee, shooting down the proposed zoning bylaw change that would have allowed for the "mid-rise" building.

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson

Appeal still possible

Developer Viner Assets could still appeal the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

said he "didn't feel comfortable" with the project because it was not compatible with the Sandy Hill heritage district.

"It was not going to be associated with the university, yet it was going to be a de facto student residence with 24-hour security on it," he said.

He also said that once the Light Rail Transit (LRT) project is finished, it will no longer be necessary for all University of Ottawa students to live within two blocks of campus.

Coun. Mathieu Fleury said he was "happily surprised" that the plan was shot down. He said this change would have had negative impacts on the community.

"We're also sending a clear message that the university has its own responsibility," he said. "It needs to build student housing on campus."

Sandy Hill resident Martha Scott said the building was poorly planned from the start.

"It's an absolute abomination on the streetscape," she said. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Canterbury High students well-versed in staged tales



Canterbury High School's Grade 11 drama students are seen performing in a rehearsal for the school's annual Children's Theatre Festival. TANYA KIRNISHNI/METRO

Children's Theatre Festival. Plays 'great' for experience, outreach, says drama teacher

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Students at a local high school that specializes in arts education are putting on a free show for young children.

Canterbury High School will host their annual Children's Theatre Festival on April 12 at 900 Canterbury Ave. The festival has been around for more than 15 years as part of the school's drama program.

"It's a nice symbiotic relationship — our kids get a great experience in doing live theatre and it serves us in terms of outreach," said Drama teacher Jeff Lawson.

The Grade 11 drama students are responsible for producing, directing and per-

forming the show, as well as everything in between from set design to costumes. They also engage with the community and spread the word about Canterbury's Art Program by entertaining kids at elementary schools around the city.

"We get to do a lot of performance, but being exposed to the technical aspects is really amazing," says Samantha Pierre, a Grade 11 student. She adds that the festival is a great experience in working with kids because they provide a very different kind of audience.

"It's about getting up there and being silly," says Pierre.

The festival features six different plays, four of which were written by former Grade 12 Canterbury students. Aimed at children ages four to 10 the festival will have a variety of activities including face painting and a magic show by Gabe Roberge. Although the shows are free, donations are always welcome.

"It's accessible and lots of fun for everyone," says Lawson.



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Chow to Ford: 'It's time to take down the circus tent'

Toronto. Scandal-plagued mayor accused of having made the city 'an international embarrassment' during live televised debate

Toronto's scandal-plagued mayor held his own against several concerted attacks during Wednesday's first televised mayoral debate as he seeks to stay in office come October.

Rob Ford, who frequently rolled his eyes, stared at the ceiling and flashed grins at the audience, defended his fiscal record as he shot back at the candidates vying to replace him.

"Four years ago, I was elected to stop the gravy train," Ford said, thumping a familiar drum. "I have stopped the gravy train."

Former NDP MP Olivia Chow was quick to shoot him



Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, right, laughs next to David Soknacki as they take part in a mayoral debate in Toronto on Wednesday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

down: "It's time for you to go because your gravy train has turned into a train wreck," Chow said. "You need to pack up that nonsense you're talking about."

Chow was the first candidate to allude directly to, but not mention, Ford's well-known problems — including

smoking crack and spouting obscenities on live TV — that have made him talk-show fodder and made him a recognizable name around the world.

Ford was frequently content to let the others debate among themselves, but didn't hesitate to jump in.

Former provincial PC party

Up for debate

"We've had it with the scandals and lack of truth. It's time to go because you're embarrassing our city." Olivia Chow, to Rob Ford

leader John Tory said Ford had "run out of gas" given his inability to get anything through a council that has stripped him of most of his powers. He accused the mayor of letting taxpayers down and ruining the city's reputation.

Mostly, though, it was Chow and Ford who went at each other during the two-hour debate. "It's time to take down the circus tent at city hall," Chow said, saying the mayor had made Toronto "an international embarrassment."

Voters will choose whether Ford remains in office or will be replaced Oct. 27.

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Grain. Legislation tabled by the feds aims to clear transportation backlog

The federal government has tabled legislation aimed at increasing the movement of grain that has been left sitting in bins across the Prairies due to a transportation bottleneck.

The legislation proposes the Canadian Grain Commission regulate how much a grain company will pay to a farmer if the company doesn't meet delivery dates set out in a contract.

It also aims to extend what are called inter-switching limits from 30 kilometres to 160 kilometres in Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Most grain elevators on the Prairies are only served by one railway and expanding inter-switching would allow more service by more rail companies.

Another change would enshrine a previous government order for Canadian National and Canadian Pacific railways to move a minimum amount of grain or face a penalty of up to \$100,000 a day.

A national priority

NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair has said the prime minister has to make unlogging the backlog of grain a national priority or lose Canada's place in the world market.

- The leader of the Opposition says Canada's reputation is being damaged by its inability to get last year's bumper crop to market.
- He says countries like Japan are going to start looking to the United States since Canada doesn't seem to be able to get its grain to port.

The legislation would not increase the penalty or direct fines to farmers instead of federal coffers, which is what Saskatchewan and Alberta have called for.

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Lucky in London. Ontario man wins second jackpot, this time it's a cool million

Meet Robert McPhail: London, Ont.'s luckiest man, who claimed the second big lottery prize of his life — \$1 million in the March 19 Lotto 6/49 draw.

His first round of luck came in 1992 when he was part of a group of seven that cashed in on \$571,157.

McPhail was picking up a newspaper and some chocolates for his wife at a Shoppers Drug Mart when "something told me to buy a ticket," he said.

McPhail ended up buying two tickets for the draw.

"I found out about my win when checking my numbers against those posted in the

newspaper," he said. "I was in disbelief. I always thought I would win again — I just didn't know when. My family members keep rubbing me for good luck."

McPhail plans to take a trip to the U.K. with his wife and may take his grandchildren on a fishing trip.

A University of Alberta math professor has figured that if you play twice a week, every week for a thousand years, the chances are better than 99 per cent that you'll never win the jackpot. It's a good thing McPhail isn't a mathematician.

SCOTT TAYLOR/METRO IN LONDON, ONT.



Robert McPhail of London, Ont., won \$1 million in March 19's Lotto 6/49 draw. He'd won before as part of a group that cashed in on \$571,157 in 1992. CONTRIBUTED



Walking in a winter wonderland — in spring

A pedestrian battles the high winds and blowing snow as he walks in downtown Halifax on Wednesday, where a spring snowstorm packed a bigger punch than any of the storms that hit Nova Scotia during the winter. Halifax was brought to a standstill, with government offices, schools, retailers and transit all eventually shutting down. By 6:30 p.m., winds gusting up to 80 kilometres per hour in Halifax and up to 130 kilometres per hour along the Atlantic coast had caused a near-record-breaking high tide in Halifax Harbour, swamping some coastal wharves and roads. TEXT: RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO IN HALIFAX; PHOTO: ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Concerns under review

Support may exist to fight old-age poverty in vets

The Veterans Affairs Department is weighing whether federal programs provide enough of a safety net to keep severely injured ex-soldiers from falling into poverty after they turn 65.

Minister Julian Fantino and senior officials have told a Senate committee that the concerns are still under review, but Fantino suggests some may be addressed by a parliamentary review of the new veterans charter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Labour

Deal reached in costly Vancouver truckers' strike

Striking truckers at Canada's largest port reached a deal Wednesday to end a prolonged strike, which has left hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of cargo stranded at Vancouver-area container terminals and prompted escalating pressure from the provincial and federal governments.

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Director of Copenhagen Zoo, Steffen Straede, stands in front of two lionesses. POLFOTO, JENS DRESLING/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Danish zoo defends killing four of its lions

Copenhagen Zoo. This cull has put the zoo on the defensive again, a month after it killed a healthy giraffe

A Danish zoo on Wednesday defended its decision to kill two aging lions and two cubs, citing the risk of inbreeding and the arrival of a new male. This week's cull has put the Copenhagen Zoo on the defensive again, a month after it infuriated animal rights activists by killing a healthy

giraffe, dissecting it in public and feeding it to the lions.

In a statement, the zoo said it had to put down the lions to make room for the new, three-year-old male, saying it wouldn't have been accepted by the pride if the older male, 16, were still around.

"Furthermore we couldn't risk that the male lion mated with the old female as she was too old to be mated with again due to the fact that she would have difficulties with birth and parental care of another litter," the zoo said.

The zoo said the cubs

Zoo as tough as nature

Zoo officials hope the new male and two females born in 2012 will form the nucleus of a new pride.

- They said the culling "may seem harsh, but in nature is necessary to ensure a strong pride of lions..."

were put down because they couldn't fend for themselves and the male would likely kill them. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

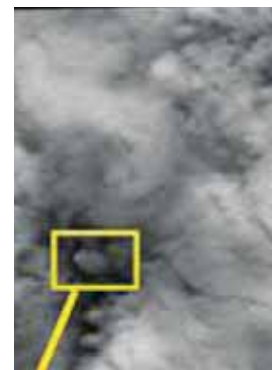
122 objects spotted in ocean offer fresh lead

A French satellite scanning the Indian Ocean for remnants of a missing jetliner found a possible plane debris field containing 122 objects, a top Malaysian official said Wednesday, calling it "the most credible lead that we have."

Defence Minister Hishammuddin Hussein said the objects were more than 2,500 kilometres southwest of Australia, in the area where a desperate, multinational hunt has been going on since other satellites detected possible jet debris.

Clouds obscured the latest satellite images, but dozens of objects could be seen in the gaps, ranging in length from one metre to 23 metres. Hishammuddin said some of them "appeared to be bright, possibly indicating solid materials."

The images were taken Sunday. Various floating ob-



Malaysian Remote Sensing Agency graphic shows objects in the south Indian Ocean. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

jects have been spotted by planes and satellites over the last week, including on Wednesday, when the Australian Maritime Safety Authority said three more objects were seen. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Search now size of Alaska

Malaysia announced Monday that a mathematical analysis of the final known satellite signals from the plane showed that it crashed in the sea, killing everyone on board.

- The new data greatly reduced the search zone, but it remains huge — an area estimated at 1.6-million square kilometres, about the size of Alaska.
- Recovering any part of the plane will be tough because of the sheer depth of the ocean — much of it between about 3,000-4,500 metres (10,000-15,000 feet) deep in the search area.

Turkey

Court orders Twitter restored

A Turkish court ordered the telecommunications authority to restore access to Twitter on Wednesday, issuing an injunction five days after the government blocked access to the social network.

The ban came shortly after Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan threatened to "rip out the roots" of Twitter, which has been a conduit for links to recordings suggesting government corruption.

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Art mimics life

Movie similar to disaster on hold

A disaster movie about a jet that crashes into the ocean on its way to Beijing has been put on hold because of its similarities to the missing Malaysian plane.

Arclight Films, the company behind Deep Water, said Wednesday that pre-production has been halted for the time being.

"We're delaying it out of respect for what's going on," managing director Gary Hamilton said.

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Secret Service

Three of Obama's bodyguards called home

The chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Committee said Wednesday he's troubled by an incident involving a drunken Secret Service agent in connection with President Barack Obama's overseas trip to The Netherlands.

On Sunday, the agency called three agents home from the Netherlands just before Obama's arrival for talks with foreign leaders.

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Conservative MP Steven Fletcher speaks with the media as he leaves caucus on Parliament Hill on Wednesday.
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Tory MP preps euthanasia bill

Former cabinet minister. Quadriplegic Steven Fletcher to table assisted-suicide proposal against government policy

A former Conservative cabinet minister who was left paralyzed from the neck down by a 1996 car crash plans to introduce two private member's bills which would allow assisted suicide in some cases.

Steven Fletcher, a Manitoba MP who was dropped from the federal cabinet last summer, is going against government policy with his legislation.

One of Fletcher's two bills would, if passed, allow doctors to help people end their lives under certain restricted cir-

Quoted

"I'm not in any hurry to reopen that issue."

Justice Minister Peter MacKay, expressing his disinterest in debating assisted suicide in the House of Commons.

cumstances. The second would set up a commission to monitor the system.

"There will be a set of statutory requirements that must be met before the act of physician-assisted death can happen," Fletcher said Wednesday before a Conservative caucus meeting.

He wouldn't go into specific details, saying that will have to wait until after the bills are introduced in the House of Commons on Thursday.

The legislation is likely to face a tough time in the Commons, which last looked at the issue in 2010 and voted against

it by a wide margin.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay said he has no interest in starting that debate again.

The Supreme Court of Canada, which in 1993 narrowly ruled against Sue Rodriguez in her much-debated bid for assisted suicide, has agreed to hear another British Columbia right-to-die case this spring. Rodriguez, who had amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease, took her own life in 1994 with the help of an anonymous doctor.

"When I reflect back on the Sue Rodriguez case, I really felt that she should have been able to legally receive what was ultimately done," Fletcher said.

He also said polls suggest Canadians in general support the idea. A Quebec bill on assisted suicide died three weeks ago when the provincial election was called. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Police, mental health leaders discuss how to prevent tragedies

It's a national conversation that's finally taking place.

Amid growing concern over how police deal with some of society's most vulnerable, law enforcement officials, those who live with mental illness and those who support them have gathered to discuss how to avert tragedies during crises.

That dialogue, deemed the first of its kind, comes at a time when statistics suggest one in

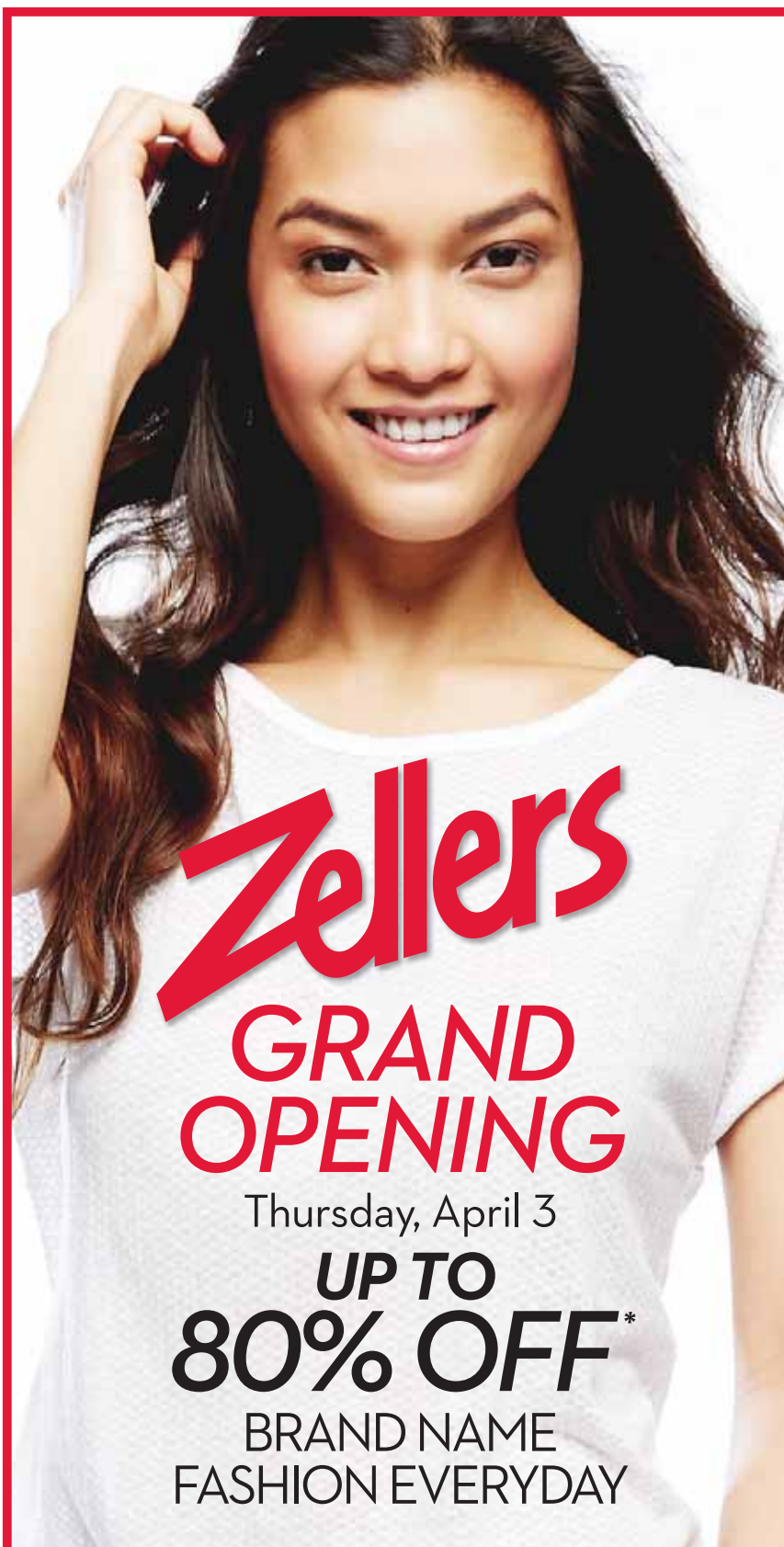
five Canadians experience a mental health illness in any given year.

"It's a major step forward and a very bold step forward," said Louise Bradley, CEO of the Mental Health Commission of Canada, host of the conference in Toronto with the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.

One of the key issues police and mental health advocates have to grapple with is

the lack of national standards: there isn't a country-wide training curriculum for officers on how to deal with the mentally ill, nor is there comprehensive data collected on the issue.

Vancouver Police Chief Jim Chu, who's also president of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, says "police are increasingly becoming the mental health response agency of first resort." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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U.S.-Russia mission. Soyuz delays docking, Ukraine crisis not related

A software glitch on a Russian spacecraft heading to the International Space Station has delayed the arrival of three astronauts, including an American. NASA said the crew was in no danger, and the U.S.-Russia space partnership was strong despite tensions over Ukraine.

The Soyuz spacecraft carrying Russians Alexander Skvortsov and Oleg Artemyev and NASA's Steve Swanson blasted off successfully early Wednesday and was scheduled to dock six hours later. But because of the glitch, the arrival was pushed back until late Thursday.

Since the 2011 retirement of the U.S. space shuttle fleet, NASA has depended on the Russian spacecraft to ferry crews to the orbiting outpost and is paying Rus-



Soyuz astronauts boarding on Wednesday. JOEL KOWSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

sia nearly \$71 million per seat. This co-operation has continued despite tensions over Russia's annexation of Crimea and U.S. calls for harsher sanctions on Russia.

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Old boys' club

Royal & Ancient Golf Club to vote on female memberships

The Royal & Ancient Golf Club will vote in September on whether to have women as members for the first time in its 260-year history.

A statement from the club Wednesday said all committees are "strongly in favour of the rule change and are asking members to support it."

The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews has about 2,400 members from around the world and dates to 1754.

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Beep, Beep

Take cover coyote: Anvil stolen

There's been no sign of any roadrunners, but wily coyotes on B.C.'s Sunshine Coast should beware: An anvil has been stolen from an area home.

RCMP in Halfmoon Bay, about 36 kilometres northwest of Gibsons B.C., say the antique anvil was snatched sometime between March 21 and last Sunday.

Police say the theft likely required some physical strength, because the metal, block-shaped item weighed at least 50 kilograms.

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A derailed Chicago Transit Authority train car rests on an escalator at the O'Hare Airport station, Monday, in Chicago. The eight-car train plowed across a platform and scaled the escalator at the underground station. ANDREW A. NELLES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Derailed train operator admits she 'dozed off'

Not the first time.
Under erratic schedule, she'd fallen asleep once in February, too

The operator of a Chicago commuter train that crashed at O'Hare International Airport admitted she "dozed off" before the accident, waking only when the train jumped off the tracks and climbed an escalator, a federal official said Wednesday.

National Transportation

Safety Board investigator Ted Turpin said the woman had been working as an operator for about two months and acknowledged she'd previously fallen asleep on the job in February, when her train partially missed a station.

"She did admit that she dozed off prior to entering the station," he said during a briefing Wednesday. "She did not awake until the train hit."

He said the woman, who was co-operating with the investigation, often worked an erratic schedule, filling in for other Chicago Transit Author-

ity employees.

"Her hours would vary every day," he said.

Turpin said the NTSB is investigating the woman's training, scheduling and disciplinary history.

"The CTA became aware of that (February incident) almost immediately and a supervisor admonished her and had a discussion with her," he said.

Meanwhile Wednesday, crews were cutting apart the lead car of the eight-car train that was damaged during the crash, sending sparks into the

In numbers

The crash happened around 3 a.m.

- **Injuries.** About 30 people were hurt, none seriously.
- **Damages.** Officials estimate \$6 million US worth of damages.

air at typically busy station that remains closed.

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Arctic talks continue despite rocky relations with Russia

Diplomacy. International politicians concerned about how country's actions in Ukraine may affect the situation up north

Canada may be upset at Russia over Ukraine, but conversations with the country continue over the Arctic.

Government officials confirm that a Russian delegation is attending a meeting in Yellowknife this week held by the Arctic Council, an eight-member group of countries that ring the North. All members are attending, even though the council includes some of Russia's harshest critics, such as Canada and the United States.

"The prime minister has

instructed Canadian officials to review all bilateral interactions with Russia," said Amanda Gordon, spokeswoman for Environment Minister Leona Aglukkaq, the current head of the council.

"For the moment, however, Arctic Council work does continue as planned."

The Yellowknife meeting began Tuesday and continues until Thursday. The delegations are being led by bureaucrats, not politicians, and are all closed to the media.

It's the second time senior Arctic officials have met since Canada assumed its two-year chairmanship of the council.

In Europe this week, Harper questioned the mentality of the Russian government, which has said Canada has no right to speak out against Russia's moves against Ukraine. Some government departments have

already reduced their contact with Russia.

Speaking Tuesday in Washington, D.C., Transport Minister Lisa Raitt said her department is one of them.

"In my own portfolio we have looked at where there are points of contact, and we have stopped those points of contact," she said. "We are taking this very seriously, and it goes through the entire government."

Most of the Arctic Council's work involves the collection and sharing of scientific, environmental and social information between member countries and six aboriginal groups that have permanent observer status. The council has negotiated binding agreements that include deals on Arctic search and rescue and the prevention of oil spills.

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Poland warns against Putin

Ukrainian tanks are transported from their base in Perevalnoe, outside Simferopol, Crimea, Wednesday. Poland's ambassador to Canada is warning the security and certainty of the international post-Cold War era ended with Russia's recent annexation of Crimea and that NATO should have a more defined presence in eastern Europe.

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The truth is out there

Dwarf planet found in 'celestial wasteland'

Peering into the far reaches of the solar system, astronomers have spied a frozen pink world 12 billion kilometres from the sun.

It's the second such object to be discovered in a region of space beyond Pluto long considered a celestial wasteland. Until now, the lone known resident in this part of the solar system was an oddball dwarf planet spotted in 2003 named Sedna after the mythological Inuit goddess who created the sea creatures of the Arctic.

The new object, 2012 VP113, was tracked using a new camera on a ground telescope in Chile.

Like Sedna, VP is also a dwarf planet. It's jokingly nicknamed Biden after Vice-President Joe Biden because of the object's initials.

It measures about 450 kilometres across. By contrast, Earth is about 12,713 kilometres across.

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Critics speak

They threw out our work, say Liberals

Despite Prime Minister Stephen Harper's claim that his First Nations education bill is "historic" and "long overdue," Carolyn Bennett remembers when the Liberal Party made a similar attempt years ago.

The aboriginal affairs critic and Toronto MP pointed to the 2005 Kelowna Accord, a broad-sweeping piece of legislation that sought to close the gap between First Nations communities and the rest of Canadian society.

It was scrapped in 2007

in a vote after the Conservatives were elected.

"The fact that the Kelowna Accord was thrown out was very upsetting," Bennett told Metro. "The Liberals are serious about this and want to carry on the work that was begun with Kelowna."

Bennett also had few kind words for how the current government formulated its First Nations education bill. She called the initial attempt, which was introduced in November and is now undergoing revision, a complete disaster.

"There needs to be an

understanding that bottom-up is the only way this will work," she said. "More paternalism and more tablets coming down from on high just serves to irritate people such that they can't even hear what you're saying."

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Bennett conceded that Harper's promise of \$1.9 billion for on-reserve education

over seven years is comparable to former Liberal Prime Minister Paul Martin's promise of \$1.7 billion over five years, she focused her criticism on how each administration arrived at the conclusion.

"(The Kelowna Accord) started with hundreds of people in a room, deciding what will be the priorities and then dividing up into working groups and 18 months later coming up with a real plan with the dollars attached," she explained.

By contrast, she said, the Conservatives have imposed their views without proper consultation and have delayed the injection of funds into the system.

"We found out when the budget was tabled those monies won't fall until next year," she said. "So in some ways it was one step forward and two steps back."

However, Bennett added there is some evidence the Conservatives have been listening and eagerly awaits the release of the newly drafted document.

"This is about fixing the greatest social injustice in Canada," she said.

JACOB MORGAN/METRO IN SASKATOON

Chance

Upheaval is coming for First Nations schools. The federal government is planning to invest nearly \$2 billion into the neglected system and give communities more control over their own education. Metro travelled to two on-reserve schools to document their condition, the details of the plan and why many people say the proposed changes may be their kids' last chance.

The First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act. Metro tracks down answers to the big questions about the government's solution



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How much will it cost?

That's the main question.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has committed a total of \$1.9 billion. This includes \$1.25 billion to run the system beginning in 2016 and increasing 4.5 per cent annually, \$500 million for infrastructure over seven years beginning in 2015 as well as \$160 million for transitional costs over four years beginning in 2015.

Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations, tells Metro the 4.5 per cent escalator is a step in the right direction.

"We've been advocating for years to break the two per cent cap," said Atleo, referring to the limit placed on education funding increases in the '90s, which doesn't adequately account for inflation and population growth.

What will curriculum look like at on-reserve schools?

One of the prime minister's catchphrases is "a comparable system." The goal is to create First Nations curriculums and high school diploma qualifications that those offered in non-aboriginal schools.

In addition, the government has promised to con-

tinue consulting with indigenous communities — after its original draft proposal was met with condemnation last fall — to incorporate language and cultural programs that reflect the unique heritage of all 633 First Nations across the country.

"We said we needed resour-



Shawn Atleo, national chief of the Assembly of First Nations
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ces for language and culture, (and) they've identified

that they put that in that

"The overriding goal of the legislation is better outcomes for First Nation students. First Nations and the Government of Canada agree that this is best achieved through First Nations control."
— Government of Canada website

\$1.9-billion budget announcement that they made," said Atleo.

How will the new act change control of First Nations education?

Until now the Indian Act

has governed First Nations education. Since the end of the residential school era, Ottawa has directly administered the system.

The new bill will create First Nations education authorities, which will function similarly to school boards in the provincial system. Authorities will govern schools on a local level and ensure they meet national and provincial standards.

Bernard Valcourt, minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, tells Metro that First Nations communities will appoint their own authorities, which can represent an area or a single school.

"I don't want to control education," said Valcourt. "I want First Nations to control education and First Nations will have options."

Will there be accountability?

The First Nations education authorities will oversee administrators and require annual reports. The regular reporting is designed to ensure

teachers are certified and standards are met.

Atleo said accountability is a two-way street and both sides are responsible.

"They moved away from requiring or suggesting ministerial oversight," he said. "Now we're talking about reciprocal accountability."

Valcourt added that First Nations



Toronto MP and Liberal critic for aboriginal affairs Carolyn Bennett CONTRIBUTED

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education systems “will have to be accountable to their community, to the parents, to the kids and not to the federal government.”

The government is not in a position to hand over control, said Steinhauer, because treaty- rights holders

Who opposes this?

There are numerous groups across Canada

“The legislation will require that First Nation schools ... award widely recognized diplomas or certificates. These requirements do not currently exist.”
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opposing the bill. One example is the Onion Lake Cree Nation in the Treaty No. 6 Territory.

Diana Steinhauer holds a PhD degree in indigenous knowledge from the Blue Quills First Nations College and works in governance at Onion Lake. Her official title is ka-nikanapistahk, which she says is Cree for “those who can’t speak for themselves, and it refers to the ones who aren’t here yet: the animals, the plants, the birds.”

Steinhauer explained that Onion Lake rejects the education act and any form of legislation that im-

telling us what to do,” she said.

She added that the AFN doesn’t speak for Onion Lake, as “it’s not an inherent rights holder, it’s an organization developed and funded by the government.”



BERNARD VALCOURT, MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

On the web



1 Blue dot. A sign of defiance

Find out how a little blue sticker became a symbol of protest for opponents of the act. **CHRISTI BELCOURT/TWITTER**

2 Youth. Beyond the politics

Head over to metronews.ca to see what attendees at the Assembly of First Nations Youth Summit had to say about their learning experiences.

3 Timeline. Scrapped attempt

Go online to see an interactive timeline of the quashed Kelowna Accord and hear from the national co-chair of the Liberals’ Aboriginal Peoples’ Commission.



Critics speak

Too much we don’t know, says NDP



MORGAN MODJESKI
Metro in Saskatoon

The aboriginal affairs critic for Canada’s opposition party has “major concerns” about the federal government’s plan to improve First Nations education.

Announced back in February, the First Nations Control of First Nations Education Act would inject more than \$1.9 billion in additional funding to address a financial shortfall for on-reserve education, starting in 2015.

But critics of the bill have questions on how — and when — the act will be implemented.

“We actually haven’t seen any legislation at this point, and what my concern is, is that the process of how this is going to be drafted is unclear,” said Jean Crowder, aboriginal affairs critic for the New Democratic Party.

“From our perspective, you can’t draft this legislation without having First Nations at the table.”

Although the federal government held eight face-to-face consultations, 54 informational briefings and

received 631 responses to an online survey while drafting the original First Nations Education Act, it was widely rejected.

And with the federal government’s recent announcement having little information on how First Nations will be consulted, Crowder said it’s hard to know what its

the fact money doesn’t start flowing until after the 2015 federal election raises

questions for her and her supporters.

“I can’t speak to their motivation on it,

but judging by the emails and letters I’m getting in my office, nobody’s being fooled,” she said.

“People recognize the money doesn’t flow until after a federal election, and given past history, just because people say one thing before an election doesn’t mean they’re going to do the same thing after.

“I think the timing is very suspicious,” she said. But Bernard Valcourt, federal minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, says the act has nothing to do with the upcoming election.

“I dismiss these charges ... (of) pure political partisanship on (the) part of the people who would rather not have us in government.

“A lot of work has been done. This has been evaluated and looked at by First Nations all across Canada. We’ve received their views, we’ve got the AFN resolution, we’ve got the open letter of the national chief and we have identified a way forward.”



Jean Crowder, NDP critic for aboriginal affairs CONTRIBUTED

outcome will be.

“I don’t know if there’s two people in a closed room putting it together, whether it’s going to have regional representation from across the country,” she said.

While Crowder feels the government’s acknowledgment of the funding gap is a step in the right direction,

BlackBerry beckons business with security software in BYOD era

Bring your own device.

As more staffers use personal phones to conduct business, the Waterloo tech firm aims to provide peace of mind

BlackBerry Ltd. has received certification for U.S. government employees to use its Secure Work Space enterprise software on iPhones and devices that use the Android operating system.

The technology is part of products that became available through the rollout of its BlackBerry 10 operating system.

The Waterloo, Ont.-based company says the software helps government and business employees use mobile devices of their choice with lower security risks.

Lawsuit launched

In other developments yesterday, chief executive John Chen says he's fighting against future product leaks by filing a lawsuit that he hopes will set an example.

- Chen alleges that an unnamed person stole confidential details about a future BlackBerry product and leaked them to the public.

The certification will give security-conscious organizations, like U.S. and Canadian government agencies, the ability to use software which separates sensitive corporate data from personal content on a single mobile device.

More technology companies have been chasing the lucrative

business market as BlackBerry's popularity waned. Both Google and Apple developed their own enterprise software designed to attract government agencies and corporations.

BlackBerry has relied on its strong reputation for security to help rollout a series of new security options linked to BlackBerry 10.

This week, the company announced that it's about to launch an update to its popular BBM chat service that it hopes will generate extra revenue.

Part of the plan includes a more secure level of BBM for smartphones on corporate accounts that companies would pay extra to use.

BlackBerry is also working on launching a new BBM Shop that deals in virtual goods and would work alongside companies to generate money through sponsorship deals.

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Saga of the sweet, then sour stock debut

Characters of the King Digital Entertainment game Candy Crush Saga walk the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange, before the company's IPO, Wednesday. The festive move didn't last. King's stock priced at \$22.50 US on Tuesday, valuing the company at \$7.1 billion, but it opened on Wednesday at \$20.50, down almost nine per cent. Its shares lost more ground by the day's close, falling more than 15 per cent. King Digital Entertainment PLC had \$1.88 billion in revenue last year. That's more than 10 times its 2012 revenue of \$164.4 million. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Deal with the devil? It took one man 16 years to get out of loan agreement

It started with an unwanted laptop, and it ended in Britain's Supreme Court.

A Scottish man on Wednesday won a 16-year court battle sparked by a wrangle over a loan he'd taken out to buy a computer.

Oil worker Richard Durkin bought a laptop from a store in the Scottish city of Aberdeen in 1998, using a credit agreement with lender HFC Bank for about 1,500 pounds. He returned the computer the next day because it lacked an internal modem, and tried to cancel the credit deal.

The bank said he couldn't, and after he refused pay to pay,

declared he had defaulted. Durkin said the bad credit rating meant he was unable to buy a house.

Durkin took legal action, and in 2008 — a decade after the purchase — a court awarded him more than 100,000 pounds. That decision was overturned by appeals judges, and the case eventually wound its way to the Supreme Court.

The saga ended Wednesday when five Supreme Court justices ruled that Durkin had "validly rescinded the credit agreement" and awarded him 8,000 pounds (\$13,000 US) in damages, a fraction of his initial award. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Have password fatigue? Your voice may solve that

With passwords and PINs increasingly being targeted by hackers, speaking could become a new method to access secure accounts.

Voice biometrics — technology that knows who you are based on your voice characteristics — is already being used by

banks and telecom companies globally for better security, says Brett Beranek of software company Nuance Communications.

"Our voices are unique to us, just like our DNA," says Beranek, from the U.S.-based Nuance's Montreal office.

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Airbag issue

Nissan recalls 60,000 vehicles in Canada

Nissan is recalling about 60,000 cars, SUVs and minivans in Canada because the front passenger airbags may not inflate in a crash.

The announcement is part of a broader recall of just over 1 million cars, SUVs and minivans across North America by the automaker. It's the company's second recall to fix the same problem.

The recall affects almost 990,000 vehicles in the U.S. and small numbers elsewhere. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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INCLUDING ACCESS TO NEW TREATMENTS

As Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month draws to a close, relatively little attention has been paid to the thousands of Canadians who are living with advanced colon cancer.

Although these patients add their voices as advocates of screening and primary prevention, they are also faced with the daily challenges of obtaining access to new drugs to treat their disease and manage their symptoms. Timely access to these therapies can greatly affect the quality of life and a patient's ability to prolong it.

"I speak to patients with very advanced cancer daily and I believe there is a false perception that these individuals are always bedridden and incredibly sick," says Barry D. Stein, president of the Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada (CCAC). "In many cases today, if you were to meet someone with advanced colon cancer, you might not even know they were ill."

These patients want to extend their lives and maximize the quality of time they will have with their family and friends. There has been tremendous

progress in developing such treatments but there are issues around accessing them. Access also varies across Canada.

The provincial and territorial ministries of health formed the pan-Canadian Oncology Drug Review (pCODR) group in 2010 to ensure a balanced review of newly approved cancer treatments by asking oncology specialists and impartial patient representatives to make recommendations to provincial formularies with regard to the funding of new oncology drugs.

"In principal, pCODR is a good thing," Stein says. "The challenge is that it appears too much emphasis is being placed on economics and not enough on the personal impact of new medicines. Negative decisions on funding greatly impact patients with advanced disease who still have time to live, but are being denied public funding for new and effective treatment options."

"I continue to manage my cancer on a daily basis and I am a huge proponent of awareness to prevent cancer through screening, but I see a huge gap when it comes to public awareness about lack of



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access to new treatment options," says Stephen Dunn of Toronto. "I know for myself and other patients in a similar situation we simply cannot accept decisions about life-extending treatments based purely on economics."

The Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada is taking the lead to escalate the

"access" discussion with Canadians so they understand the nuances of funding new drugs and how important public funding is to patients with advanced cancer.

For more information on the ongoing access issue or to get involved, visit colorectal-cancer.ca.

BE YOUR OWN ADVOCATE AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD



Tina Radoslav

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You would never know by seeing her at the gym during her daily workout, but Tina Radoslav of Stoney Creek, is living with metastatic colon cancer.

An active, optimistic single mother of three, she is not the image of a patient with advanced cancer most Canadians call to mind.

Five and a half years ago, Radoslav was diagnosed with Stage 4, or metastatic, colon cancer. That day changed everything in her life.

"I was leaving the doctor's office with my mom and saying to her ... 'I can't do this.' Mom replied, 'You can do this, you will do this!'"

An advanced cancer diagnosis has presented challenges for Radoslav beyond her health. Her husband of 25 years left their marriage 18 months into her cancer journey. Her employer let Radoslav go because it was not prepared

Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada

to deal with her diagnosis and the time off she would need for treatments. Her life has changed, but, in her own words, she is "still alive."

"Be your own advocate," Radoslav tells newly diagnosed patients.

She knows this is hard when they are also coming to terms with their diagnoses, but it is essential.

"You are in the battle of your lifetime. Our health-care system is great if you are dealing with a common illness. It doesn't work as well when you are dealing with an advanced form of cancer.

"Metastatic cancer is not a one-

size-fits-all disease. Some options stop working or don't work as well on one patient as they do on another. We suffer when we cannot access all the treatments and protocols that can benefit us. Sometimes it feels as if patients living with cancer are just looked upon as an economic burden to the system. I strongly believe you cannot put a price tag on a life and I am sure my children would agree."

As Colon Cancer Awareness month comes to a close, Radoslav wants Canadians newly diagnosed with advanced disease to get the support they need. She wants them to make their voices heard.

"Make sure you are aware of the treatment options possible. Talk to your health-care team. Advocate to the government to make new treatments available. I have had to fight for treatments, and everyday I am thankful to be here."

I SURRENDER, MOTHER NATURE

OK, winter, I give up.

Forget discontent. This is the winter of our disbelief.

Mother Nature went from her usual fickle and frigid self to full-on cruel and cold-hearted. Bing Crosby's *White Christmas* gave way long ago to *Game of Thrones' Winter Without End*. Jack Frost bit my nose off and spat it in my face.

We were once in a snow globe, but now we're trapped Under the Dome, scratching at the glass and screaming for anyone to let us out.

As I write this, the Maritimes is being hit with the sort of storm that usually gives rise to over-the-top, two-word blends like polar vortex, frostquake or snowpocalypse. By the time you read this, the blizzard may well be known as a Sleet Scream, The Parthenon Freeze or Ictrociticy 2014.

Meanwhile, in Toronto, it's been cold for so long that my friends and I are deeply excited that the forecast for the



HE SAYS

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week includes such mercies as 10 degrees and rainy, which will give us at least one day to dream that we're Vancouverites adrift in a warmish sea of cappuccinos and cannabis.

(This column is least relevant for Vancouver residents, but just replace the word "snow" with "rain," the word "cold" with "drab" and the words "We're all in this together" with "Get bent.")

The predicted improvement from insufferable weather to unpleasant weather had given me hope that things were improving, but then I saw a new headline on Wednesday: "WINTER-LIKE WEATHER TO CONTINUE UNTIL AT LEAST MID-APRIL."

It's funny how your eyes play tricks on you, because when I first glanced at the headline I read it as "LEAP FROM THE BUILDING IMMEDIATELY." I thought about it, but figured the snow would probably break my fall anyway.

Which leads me back to my original thought: I give up. I

have no more rage, no more despair to give. The tears only freeze on my face. The seven-day forecast has pushed me through the seven stages of grief and it's time to accept my frosty fate.

I accept that it's going to be winter forever. And I for one welcome our new, flakey overlords.

Why, winter year-round will be grand.

Patio weather will be any time we want, there'll be no annoying change of car tires, no suffering through another bus-stop simpleton asking, "Hot enough for ya?"

Hockey in June will make perfect sense, the cars-versus-bikes feud will end, and a balaclava will provide all the SPF protection you need.

No smog, no humidity, no insects. No summer love means no summer heartbreaks.

Endless winter will mean being comfortably numb, with smiles frozen on our faces.

I give up, winter. You win. I am yours, and you're all right.

A naysayer might claim I have Stockholm syndrome, but I checked. It's 14 and sunny there.

Uncle, Mother Nature. Uncle.

ZOOM

10,000-calorie, beastly burger

Substantial sandwich inspired by a cartoon

The 10,000-calorie whopper, dubbed the Ulti-Meatum, was cooked up by restaurant owners Corinne and John Clarkson after seeing the meat feast on Cartoon Network's *The Regular Show*.

The monster meal includes five pounds (2.2 kilograms) of meat and a cheeseburger within a burger just like in the children's animation. The owners of the Mister Eaters fish and chips restaurant in Preston, England, are offering up a man-versus-food challenge where daring punters can eat for free if they can finish the burger in one sitting. **METRO**

Q & A with John Clarkson, one of the creators

Special plate needed to hold it

Was this as much a personal challenge as anything else?

Yeah, I enjoy it and it's a bit of fun. I'm a butcher by trade and I'm familiar with meat and how it sticks together, so I thought I'll have a go. We've done the world's biggest deep-fried Ferrero Rocher at 11 pounds (five kilograms) in weight and that went global, so I thought I could do the same with this. It gets people talking; the shop's been overwhelmed.

Did you have any problems building the burger?

We had three or four flops. I had to design a plate with pins that are the same height as the burger, so that it doesn't topple over. The thing with my burger is that it's not messy when you cut it open — you get a really nice cross-section as you can see in the picture.



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The Oculus Rift VR helmet's splashy debut on the tech conference circuit helped make it one of the most successful Kickstarters of all time, eventually leading to Facebook's \$2B purchase of Oculus on Tuesday. So it looks like VR is about ready to become a thing, and these movies available on Netflix will provide a nice glimpse of the nightmarish future it will usher in.



The Oculus Rift virtual reality headset THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

eXistenz:

Jennifer Jason Leigh and Jude Law star as a video game designer and her protégé who flit between virtual worlds while avoiding assassins determined to hunt them down in this sci-fi brain bender from David Cronenberg. It's truly weird and wonderful.

Strange Days:

A gem lying among the junk of mid-'90s cyber-paranoia flicks, the Kathryn Bigelow-directed *Strange Days* is the story of a former cop who stumbles

across a high-profile murder among his collection of virtual reality clips, wrapping him up in a manhunt across an L.A. that has disintegrated into a war zone as the calendar heads toward the year 2000.

Evolver:

Here is where we veer decidedly into B-movie territory when an elite gamer gets a chance to play a live version of his favourite video game. Naturally, this leads to big, violent problems when he finds himself battling a ruthlessly efficient killer robot.

Twitter



@metropicks asked: A US\$297 course called conscious uncoupling promises a happy breakup. Would you pay?

@Canucklehead_ca: Why pay to have the cow sent back to pasture when you can simply give up milk for free?

@prussell_pc: I have paid .. far more. This program takes two to un-tango, and so wouldn't have worked for me.

@Anyazub: That's like four bottles of whiskey, cover charge and two rounds at the bar for me and two of my best friends.

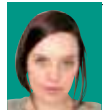
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Local gal rules the gaming world

Game on! Writer Genevieve LeBlanc reminds us geek culture has never really been a boys' club



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Genevieve LeBlanc, a psychology student, writer and self-professed full-time nerd, has always been into video games, thanks to the influence of her older brother.

"I remember watching him play Crash Bandicoot and Spyro on our old PlayStation and really wanting my own GameBoy when I was little so that I could play Pokemon," she says. "I still have the old PlayStation and my pink GameBoy. I even play my old Pokemon games sometimes."

LeBlanc, like many gamers, quickly immersed herself in geek culture, where she felt instantly at home. Now she's the first Canadian contributing writer for Nerd Reactor, a popular online portal for gamers, geeks and cosplayers alike.

"I was kind of the stereotypical nerdy kid when I was little, really socially awkward. I made most of my friends through a mutual interest in anime, games, comics and other nerdy stuff," she says, adding that her in-



Genevieve LeBlanc is a contributing writer at NerdReactor.com CONTRIBUTED

volvement in the culture expanded naturally from there — even dressing the part.

"I went to my first convention when I was about 13 and knew that cosplay was something that people did at conventions. I knew

how to sew, but had never made clothes before so that first costume was pretty terrible compared to what I can make now. But, people didn't really care that my costume sucked. I was hooked."

While there are a lot of geeky ladies just like LeBlanc actively participating in the world of gaming, she says there can still be misogynistic undertones within the culture, pointing to Anita Sarkeesian as an example.

In 2012, Sarkeesian was the target of a nasty online

harassment campaign, all because she launched a Kickstarter project to fund a series of short videos examining the portrayal of men and women in video games.

"When she wanted to talk about the representation of women in games, people threatened her personal safety," says LeBlanc, who's also been on the receiving end of threatening comments online.

"The good news is those kinds of people are a minority. Many male gamers wel-

come us with open arms."

So they should. She notes that ESA (the Entertainment Software Association) research shows that 47 per cent of gamers are women and adult women actually outnumber teenage boys when it comes to gaming.

Details

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What about misogyny in gaming culture?

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Selena, stop hitting repeat-peat-peat on that relationship: Parents

Selena Gomez's parents are reportedly gearing up for another intervention for the former Disney star, hoping a return trip to rehab and distance from on-again, off-again boyfriend Justin Bieber will get her back on the straight and narrow, according to Life & Style Weekly. Their last attempts to convince Gomez to seek help for anxiety and alleged substance abuse issues went well, with Gomez voluntarily checking into the Meadows treatment facility in Arizona

— but she checked herself out two weeks later to rush to Bieber's side in the wake of his legal troubles. And she's been spotted with the troubled Canadian pop star regularly since then, most recently this past weekend in L.A. when she stopped by the Sunset Towers Hotel for a quick visit with Bieber. Sources tell the magazine that Gomez's parents want her to ditch Bieber for good and head back to Meadows to complete her six-week program.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

That's so tweet: Martin and Paltrow make peace with a painting



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What should a sensitive GOOP-ified husband do to comfort his soon-to-be-ex-beloved in their time of conscious uncoupling? Put a bird on it, of course.

Chris Martin and Gwyneth Paltrow are clearly making an effort to ensure that even their divorce is expensive and classy. Apparently Coldplay front man Martin even bought Paltrow a parting gift — an etching of a bird by Polish



artist Mila Fürstová, created as cover art for a Coldplay album, a source told the Daily Mail.

"The fighting is over now, there's no bitterness. They're actually going to have some fun," the source said.

There's the picture above. It's pretty cool and the sort of thing that Chris Martin and Gwyneth Paltrow would have in their living room.

It seems unfair that even their divorce is cooler than me. Or maybe not: Mila Fürstová's staff denies that Chris Martin bought one of her works "as a gift or for any other reason."



Twitter



@Pink

I'm hearing I've been hacked... I hope "I" didn't say something out of line. Can I always say I've been hacked now? When I do that?



@samantharonson

Just found a piece of cheese in my sleeve- in case you were wondering how this not smoking thing is going.



@solangeknowles

This damn taxi driver... This tweet sponsored by "Shade"



Judd Apatow and Lena Dunham

Apatow admits Girls could have been a lot more graphic

While Lena Dunham's hit HBO series Girls has often been criticized for how far it goes as far as sexual content, producer Judd Apatow reveals that apparently they've wanted to go even farther. "There have been things on Girls where HBO has said to us, 'If we put this on TV, we literally could

lose our license to broadcast," Apatow told a group of college students at an event in Los Angeles, according to the New York Post. "Let's just say it's something you see in adult film — elements of sexual intercourse. The high points of sexual intercourse." Maybe they can save that for the DVD.



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Fashion, at its purest, is about telling stories. And the best storytellers are ones with tales to tell themselves. Here, we look at five individuals making waves in the Canadian fashion industry while weaving their own experiences into the mix.

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Nana Osei

Designer, Böhren Eyeglasses Inc.

It was on a trip to Ghana in 2009 that Nana Osei saw an opportunity to combine his passions for social responsibility and fashion. While still in university in Ottawa, he created Böhren Eyeglasses Inc. The lightweight eyewear, made of reclaimed wood from West Africa and handcrafted in zero-waste facilities in Canada, have been drawing national attention. He's even appeared on the Dragon's Den. In the future, Osei hopes to bring the manufacturing to Africa as well. "People say there's nothing you can do about some things, but I say it always just starts small," says Osei.



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who stitched their story into a style career

Meredith Wright

Filmmaker, Agency

After modelling for several years around the world, and being turned off by the way models were treated everywhere she went, Wright wanted to expose some of the darker sides of the industry. The end result was Agency, a documentary about young girls working for a modelling agency in Japan. Shot through Wright's own perspective, living in an apartment with fellow models in Osaka, Japan, the film aims to get people asking questions about the industry they normally wouldn't. "If I told someone that underage girls were working with no representation, they would be upset," says Wright. "So why is it OK when it's for fashion?"



Lolitta Dandoy

Blogger, Fashion is Everywhere

With a mix of French and English posts on Fashion is Everywhere, Dandoy is the quintessential Montrealer. As a fashion journalist, she'd always wanted to start her own publication. Faced with a cancer diagnosis several years ago, while convalescing at home, she decided to go for it. Surrounded by so much creativity in Montreal, she tries to capture an awareness in her blog that the fashion community is in fact a community and has a greater meaning beyond superficial consumerism. "When somebody doesn't feel right in their skin, a lot of that can have to do with their appearance," says Dandoy. "It can change things you don't expect."



Julia Che

President, Lotus Leaf Communications

After studying fashion communications at Ryerson University, Che was working in public relations in Toronto when she noticed a friend, who is a talented jewelry designer, needed help promoting her product. Thus, Lotus Leaf Communications was born. They now represent big-name clients like 7 For All Mankind, Dr. Martens and Manitobah Mukluks. And while they've grown exponentially from that first client, at the end of the day, Che has used the company's success to give back to the community. "Agents of Change is a branch of Lotus Leaf," says Che. "Through it, we can use our expertise to increase awareness about social issues."



Jigme Nehring

Founder, Mine & Yours

After living in Los Angeles, where the buy-sell-trade concept is common, Jigme Nehring decided to bring the model to Vancouver. Her resale shop, Mine & Yours is a place where women can purchase, sell or trade their gently used clothing. Nehring emphasizes the business's aspect of giving women the chance to recycle and find good homes for items that might otherwise collect dust in the back of their closets. The trouble with the fashion industry, Nehring explains, is the amount of waste it produces, which the shop aims to help negate as much as possible. "Mine & Yours helps reduce waste by extending the life of great pieces that are still in style and encouraging people to buy used clothing over new," says Nehring.



Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Natasha Taylor

Age: 27

Occupation: Project manager and professional dancer

What she's wearing:

H&M tuque, J. Crew Gingham button up, my boyfriend's sweater from Jack & Jones, faux leather zipper leggings from GUESS, Top Shop wedge booties, neon Cambridge style bag from Forever 21.

Her inspiration:

I'm a bit of a tomboy at heart but I also like to incorporate feminine flare. My style is heavily influenced by British street style as well as dancers from the dance community in Toronto.

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Trends Report

Floral fashion dominated the runways from New York to Milan for this season, just in time for spring, despite the prolonged cold weather. Go online to Trends Report to see how to wear pretty petals, from haute couture gowns to casual wear.

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Conversation-starter table toppers



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What goes on top of the books on the coffee table? Here are a few on-trend pieces designed to charm guests



Set the scene

The coffee table is the centre of attention in any living room. Not only does it offer a place to set a martini (or a slew of TV converters) but also tells guests a bit about you. Your interests can easily be seen in the types of books you read or the style of accessories on display. Here are some ideas to add caché.

Add sparkle with a shape-shifter

Chiselled and oblique-shaped golden tea-light holder changes its shape from all views. GlucksteinHome Sydney Large Tea-light Holder, \$18, TheBay.com



Work a little black crystal magic

Keep secrets stashed in a hand-polished soapstone container topped with black resin crystals. Eduardo Garza Crystal Box, \$70, WestElm.com

Spur them on with silver cactus

A unique decorative take on the classic cacti: Plants that shine on and require no watering. Metalico Barrel Cactus, \$16-19, UrbanBarn.com



Hurricane candle creates style storm

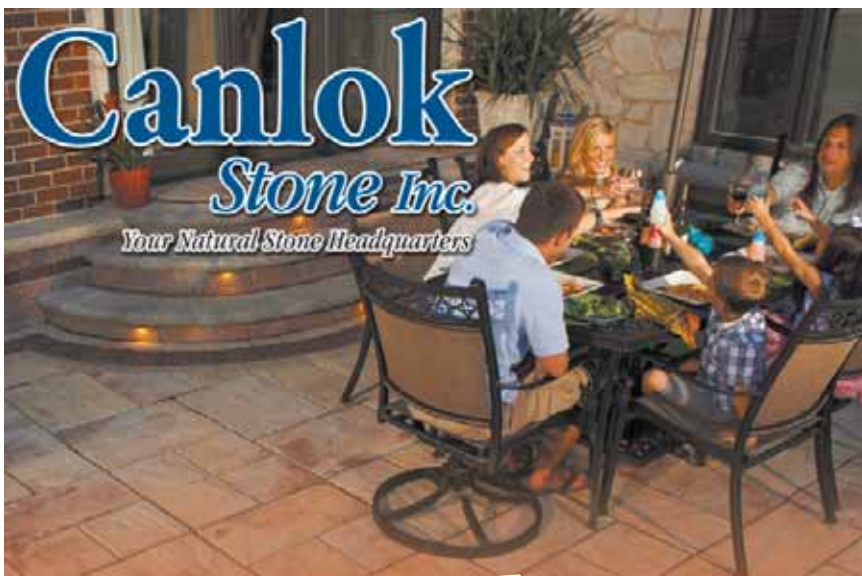
Hurricane pillar candle, holder of natural wood and glass, makes for mid-century style. Whole-Home Contemporary Glass Candle Holder, \$40, Sears.ca

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Clove, a Labrador retriever mix, chewed wires we thought were hidden and investigated stairs we thought she'd ignore. She rummaged through deep plastic bins holding smelly shin guards and plucked snow-soaked mittens from our warm radiators. Within a week of her arrival, we had to block off power strips, reorganize our mudroom, devise a new plan for drying winter gear and gate the staircase.

"It's a lot like having an infant in the household," said Pamela Barlow, animal behaviour counsellor at the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' adop-



A puppy rests by a gate that prevents her from entering a formal dining room where there are fragile items. SHIRLEY SALEM MEYER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

tion centre in New York City.

Barlow says puppies need constant supervision and a safe environment to explore. She cautions against confining them so much that they don't get outside experiences. It is hard to go back and socialize puppies if owners miss the window of opportunity to do so.

Puppies are drawn to things they can chew on and are stimulated by things that move, said Dr. Carlo Siracusa, director of the Penn Vet Behaviour Service at the University of

Pennsylvania.

"Many times we think that we should protect our home from a new puppy," Siracusa said, because the puppy could potentially cause damage. But more important is the opposite: making sure that puppies are safe in their new home.

Most essential is to create a safe haven — a place where the puppy can rest and sleep when there is too much excitement or stimulation, such as when kids have friends visiting, Siracusa says.

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NEUTRAL HUES MAY LURE BUYERS

A fresh coat of paint can work wonders to update the look and feel of your home. That's one reason why taking up the brush and roller is often a recommended upgrade when selling. And when it comes to colour, more often than not, your real estate agent will recommend neutral hues.

"The reason we recommend neutrals is that we want prospective homebuyers to picture themselves living in the home," says Carla Bouchard, a broker with Royal LePage Metro. "A pallet that is too strong may not be to everyone's taste — and yet today's neutrals are giving us many more options beyond the typical beige."

Bouchard points out that neutrals today have a lighter touch with a slight shift toward pastels. These colours are popping up in textiles, countertops and carpets, and can be a great complement to furnishings and art.

She recommends the following tactics to choose paint colours to rejuvenate your

surroundings and do the heavy lifting should you decide to sell your home.

Select a shade drawn from prominently displayed artwork, accessory or furnishings. Doing so will ensure that your home is one step closer to "show time" if and when you decide to sell.

Consider adjacent rooms. Think about how your chosen colour will interact with adjacent rooms. Strive for complimentary hues from a colour wheel to provide natural flow from room to room.

Consider what time of day the room will be most often used. While you may be tempted to paint a basement room a bright sunny yellow, if the room is to be used most often in the evening, hues of blue, green or grey may be more appropriate.

Bring home a paint sample or oversized paint chip. Make an informed choice and consider how it looks in your room, and under various lighting conditions, before you commit.

— *News Canada*



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An advertisement for Anco Moderna Duplex homes. The main image shows a two-story modern house with a dark roof, large windows, and a stone/brick facade. A green starburst graphic in the top right corner says "\$5000 Rebate on all lots in Phase 3 in Wendover". A yellow starburst graphic in the bottom left corner says "FREE Air Conditioner". Below the main image are three smaller inset photos showing the interior of a home: a living room with a fireplace, a kitchen with a modern sink, and a bathroom. At the bottom, the Anco logo is displayed in a white house shape on a dark red background. To the right of the logo, it says "ROCKLAND-WENDOVER MODERNA Duplex also available". Below this, it says "Visit our Model Home at 233 Versaille in Wendover" and "Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm". At the very bottom, it says "See our other models at: www.AncoHomes.com" and "613-749-6705".

ANCO'S MODERN AESTHETICS HOMEBUILDER HAS TWO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WORKS

Perhaps it's all the interest in reno shows on television, but there is clearly a partiality among today's homebuyers towards a modern aesthetic.

If that's the look you are after, then check out the offerings available through Anco Homes. This developer features the modern homes you expect to only find in urban centres, just outside of the city. But it's Anco Homes' one-on-one service that it feels really sets it apart.

"We're a small company, building around 15 homes per year," says Anco Homes president Jasmin (Jay) Meunier.

"We don't sacrifice quality for quantity, and we take a personal interest in our customers. From start to finish, you'll always be speaking to the same person — from the first viewing of our model homes, through contract signing, construction, selection of bricks, cabinetry, flooring and paint, closing inspection and beyond.



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"And being small, we can deal with special requests and work with you on every detail to build the home to your liking."

Anco currently has two developments in the works — Morris Village in the town of Rockland, just 25 minutes east of Ottawa, and Chateau du Village in Wendover, 10 minutes beyond Rockland.

"Prices in Wendover average about \$65,000 lower than in Rockland, so the extra 10 minutes offers buyers big savings."

SERVICE IS HALLMARK FOR VALECRAFT HOMES

"We've been building new homes in the Ottawa area for over 32 years, and we've never missed or delayed a closing date," says Frank Nieuwkoop, Valecraft Homes director of sales and marketing.

Unlike many homebuilders, Valecraft waits to start selling when the land is registered, so when it commits to a closing date, it can keep that promise.

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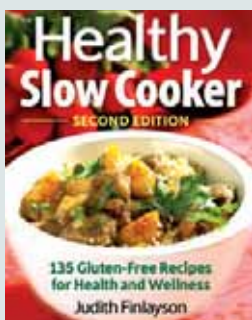
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Slow cooker meal packs protein punch

Cookbook of the Week

Slow and steady wins health race



In the follow-up to the first edition of *The Healthy Slow Cooker*, Judith Finlayson takes conflicting information about the changing face of dietary guidelines and balances it with a common-sense approach.

All the recipes in the book are deliciously nutrient-dense and have a rounded approach to meet a wide range of needs.

From soups and entrées to desserts, Finlayson uses the slow cooker to show readers how simple healthy eating can be. Among recipes are Easy Paella, Cheesy Grits, Bistro Fish Soup and more. **METRO**

Beef and Chickpea Curry with Spinach.

The Indian-inspired flavours will have your taste buds doing a happy dance

"I like to serve this with brown basmati rice, not only because I like its pleasant nutty flavor but also for its nutritional value," writes Judith Finlayson in her book *The Healthy Slow Cooker*, Second Edition.

1. In a skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add beef, in batches, and cook, stirring, adding additional oil if necessary, until browned, about 4 minutes per batch. Transfer to slow cooker stoneware.

2. Reduce heat to medium. Add onions to pan and cook, stirring, until softened, about 3 minutes. Add garlic, ginger, peppercorns, cinnamon stick and bay leaf and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add beef stock and bring to a boil.

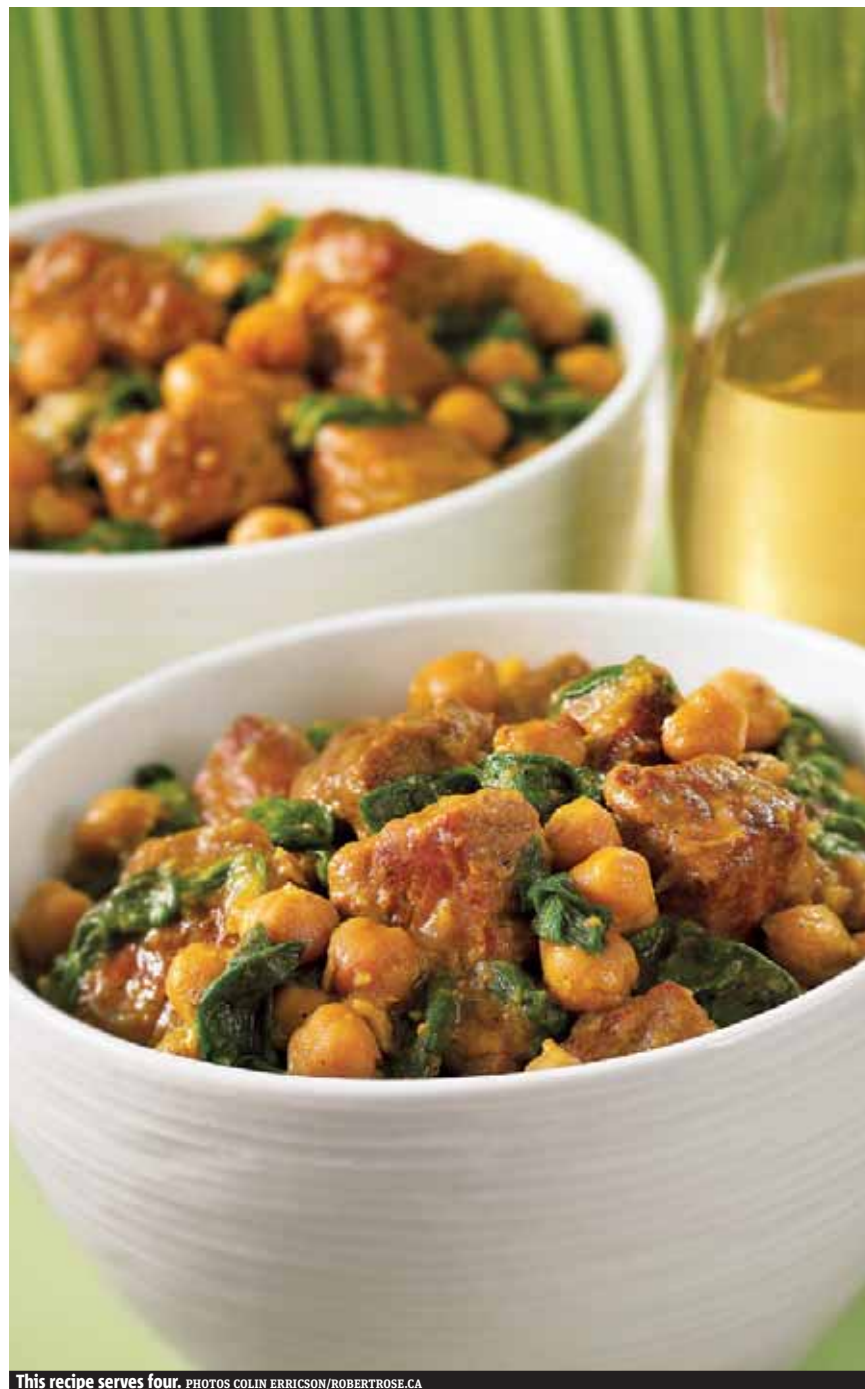
3. Transfer to slow cooker stoneware. Add chickpeas and stir well. Cover and cook on Low for 8 hours or on High for 4 hours, until beef is tender. Add curry powder solution and stir well. Add spinach, in

batches, stirring until each batch is submerged in the curry. Cover and cook on High for 20 minutes, until spinach is wilted. Discard cinnamon stick and bay leaf. Ladle into bowls and drizzle with yogurt, if using.

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Ingredients and Tools

- Medium to large (3 1/2 to 5 quart) slow cooker
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
- 1 lb (500 g) trimmed stewing beef, cut into 1/2-inch (1 cm) cubes
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) minced gingerroot
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) cracked black peppercorns
- 1 piece (1 inch/2.5 cm) cinnamon stick
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cup (250 ml) beef stock
- 2 cups (500 ml) cooked chickpeas, drained
- 1 tsp (5 ml) curry powder, dissolved in 2 tsp (10 ml) freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 lb (500 g) fresh spinach, stems removed
- 1 package (10 oz/300 g) spinach leaves, thawed if frozen
- Plain yogurt, optional



This recipe serves four. PHOTOS COLIN ERRICSON/ROBERTROSE.CA

Appetizer. Spinach and Artichoke Dip

1. In slow cooker stoneware, combine shredded mozzarella, Neufchâtel cheese, Parmesan, garlic, artichokes, spinach and

black pepper. Cover and cook on High for 2 hours, until hot and bubbly. Stir well and serve with homemade tortilla chips.

Ingredients and Tools

- Small to medium (1 1/2 to 3 1/2 quart) slow cooker
- 1 cup (250 ml) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 6 oz (175 ml) Neufchâtel cheese, cubed
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) freshly grated Parmesan
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 can (14 oz/398 ml) artichokes, drained, rinsed and finely chopped
- 8 oz (250 g) trimmed fresh spinach leaves (about 8 cups/2 L)
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) black pepper



This recipe makes about 3 cups (750 ml).

For your phone

Blend (iPad; free)

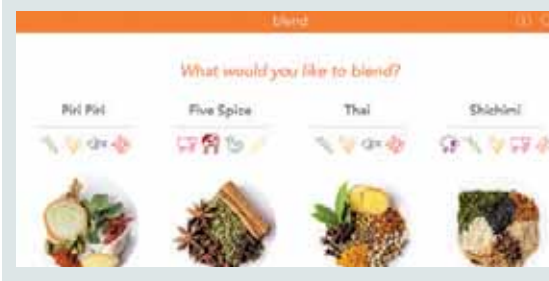
This introductory guide to creating your own spice blends includes sixteen international recipes and videos on how to dry, roast,



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and grind seeds for sauces, seasonings, desserts, and soup flavourings.



Sarah Burke

Highway to be renamed after freestyle skier

The Ontario government is honouring the late Sarah Burke by dedicating a highway to the freestyle skiing pioneer.

Highway 93 will be known as the Sarah Burke Memorial Highway. The road runs for 24 kilometres through Simcoe County, the region where Burke was born and raised.

"That's a great idea," said Chloe Dufour-Lapointe, Canada's silver medallist in freestyle moguls at the Sochi Olympics. "She was such a great skier, everything that you heard about her was only positive, a girl who smiles."

The 29-year-old Burke, who was born in Barrie and grew up in Midland, died after a training accident in Utah in January 2012.

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NFL

Bears sign Allen to replace Peppers

The Chicago Bears replaced one accomplished veteran pass rusher with another Wednesday when they agreed to terms with Jared Allen on a four-year contract.

A person with knowledge of the agreement told The Associated Press that Allen will get \$15.5 million guaranteed on a deal that could be worth as much as \$32 million. The person requested anonymity because the terms have not been announced.

Allen, 31, will take over for Julius Peppers, who signed with Green Bay as a free agent after being released by the Bears.

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Tennis

Djoker pulls fast one on Murray

Novak Djokovic benefited from an erroneous call and claimed he didn't realize he had broken the rules. When Andy Murray walked to the net and challenged him about it, Djokovic responded with a shrug and a sheepish smile.

Murray lost the dispute, and the match. The pivotal ruling helped Djokovic win 7-5, 6-3 in the quarter-finals of the Sony Open.

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Blue Jays win after Dickey's dismal start

The Blue Jays' Melky Cabrera greets Jose Bautista at the plate after both scored on Adam Lind's fifth-inning single in Wednesday's spring training game against the New York Yankees in Dunedin, Fla. Toronto opening-day starter R.A. Dickey gave up six runs and seven hits over three innings, but the Jays still won 10-6. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

McGowan lands in Blue Jays' rotation

MLB. Embattled hurler named fifth starter as team makes final cuts

Dustin McGowan admits he was "speechless" when he was told Wednesday morning he would open the season in the Blue Jays' starting rotation.

It's tough to blame the 32-year-old right-hander — or anyone else who has followed his star-crossed career, for that matter. McGowan hasn't cracked an opening-day roster in six years and hasn't started a major-league game since September 2011. His career looked all but over barely a year ago, as he rehabbed from yet another season-ending shoulder surgery.

But now he's going to start the Jays' home opener against the New York Yankees on April 4, in front of a sellout crowd.

"I think it'll hit me more



Pitcher Dustin McGowan will get the start in front of a sold-out crowd at the Blue Jays' home opener on April 4. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

once that day comes," McGowan said after hearing the news. "It's an honour and I really can't wait to do it."

The Jays settled their starting rotation and made their final cuts on Wednesday, sending struggling left-hander J.A. Happ to the 15-day disabled list (back) and retaining all three of their on-the-bubble arms — Todd Redmond, Esmil Rogers and Jeremy Jeffress — in an eight-man bullpen. The

right-handers were all out of options, meaning they could not be sent to the minors without first clearing waivers, and would likely be lost if they didn't make the team.

Josh Thole was also named as the backup catcher over Erik Kratz, who will report to Triple-A Buffalo.

Once considered a lock for the starting rotation, Happ lost the job after a terrible spring, during which he missed a start

Quoted

"There's no quittin' in my blood."

Dustin McGowan has endured a litany of injuries, but he finds himself primed to make his first start for the Blue Jays since 2011.

due to soreness in his back.

On Tuesday, after Happ gave up seven runs in another disappointing outing, both he and manager John Gibbons said his previous injury was a non-issue. So on Wednesday, when the club announced he was being added to the disabled list, it seemed a convenient excuse to allow them to keep him out of the rotation while at the same time keeping their other pitchers off the waiver wire.

But GM Alex Anthopoulos said Happ admitted on Wednesday morning his back is not 100 per cent. "Clearly he's not right and I think he realized it as well."

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4 SPORTS



Graham DeLaet of Weyburn, Sask., plays a shot on the second hole during the first round of the World Golf Championships in Marana, Ariz., on Feb. 19. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

DeLaet on course for mastery at Augusta

PGA. Canadian golfer not daunted by first bid for Green Jacket

Graham DeLaet won't be so much in awe of Augusta National Golf Club when he makes his Masters debut next month.

The native of Weyburn, Sask., made a trip to the fabled golf course last week. Although bad weather prevented him from playing a full round, he did walk the par-72, 7,435-yard layout and make mental notes regarding the lay of the land.

"It was drizzly rain and cold the first day and it was pretty tough on my body to swing in that kind of cold with that many layers on," DeLaet said during a conference call Wednesday. "But it was still very worthwhile to go and see the course ... and kind of get the 'wow' factor out of the way. It (the course) was pretty much

perfect."

An ardent television viewer of past Masters tournaments — including Canadian Mike Weir's 2003 championship — DeLaet said actually walking the course was a learning experience.

And from what DeLaet saw, he has the game to potentially succeed at Augusta.

"I do feel the golf course suits my game pretty well," he said. "I mean, it's a big golf course.... You have to drive it well and hit your irons precisely."

On Tuesday, Weir, of Bright's Grove, Ont., told reporters he felt DeLaet, 32, could contend at Augusta.

"I think Graham obviously has the type of game that can do very well there," Weir said. "He hits it long, he hits it very high."

DeLaet said he always has butterflies when he hits his first tee shot to officially open a tournament. But having played previously in the British Open

as well as last year's President's Cup, DeLaet feels he knows what to expect heading into his first Masters.

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Graham's great start

The five-foot-11, 165-pound DeLaet is enjoying a solid start to the PGA season.

- **In the hunt.** He's recorded five top-10 finishes, including two second-place efforts, and made the cut in eight of nine tournaments.

- **Ranking.** DeLaet stands 15th in the FedExCup standings.

- **Money talks.** He has already won more than \$1.6 million US this season and last season earned \$2.8 million and enjoyed seven top-10 finishes.

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Stick-swinging ban for Knights goaltender

London Knights goaltender Anthony Stolarz has been suspended eight games for swinging his stick at the head of Windsor Spitfires forward Josh Ho-Sang, the Ontario Hockey League team announced Wednesday.

In the first period of London's incident-filled 10-2 victory in Game 3 of their first round series on Tuesday night, Ho-Sang jabbed his stick at the goaltender after a play at the net. As the Spitfires star skated away, Stolarz took a one-handed swing with his stick and hit Ho-Sang on the back of the head. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Knights goaltender Anthony Stolarz TERRY WILSON/OHL IMAGES

Sochi 2014. High-flying freestylers touch down

It's been a whirlwind couple of months for Mikael Kingsbury that included winning an Olympic silver medal and capturing his third consecutive overall World Cup title.

Now the Canadian moguls skier can't wait to put his feet up.

"I'm a Habs fan. I love hockey," Kingsbury said. "The thing I'm most excited for is to have a full day off, have a chance to sit on my couch with a beer, because we don't drink much during the World Cup circuit."

But first, there are interviews and public appearances and the Canadian freestyle championships this weekend at Apex Resort in Penticton, B.C.

Kingsbury, and moguls sisters Justine, Chloe and Maxime Dufour-Lapointe — among Canada's biggest stories at the Sochi Olympics — finally touched down on Canadian soil on Tuesday, and did the media rounds in Toronto on Wednesday.

The foursome was at Ryerson University to be honoured by Toronto Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly.

Justine Dufour-Lapointe won moguls gold at the Sochi Olympics, while 22-year-old sister Chloe captured silver, and the image of the Montreal sisters holding hands before stepping onto the medal podium will be one of the most enduring images of the Games.

Maxime, 25, was 12th in Sochi.

Last week, the sisters finished second through fourth in the season's overall World Cup moguls standings; Justine finished second, followed by Chloe and Maxime.

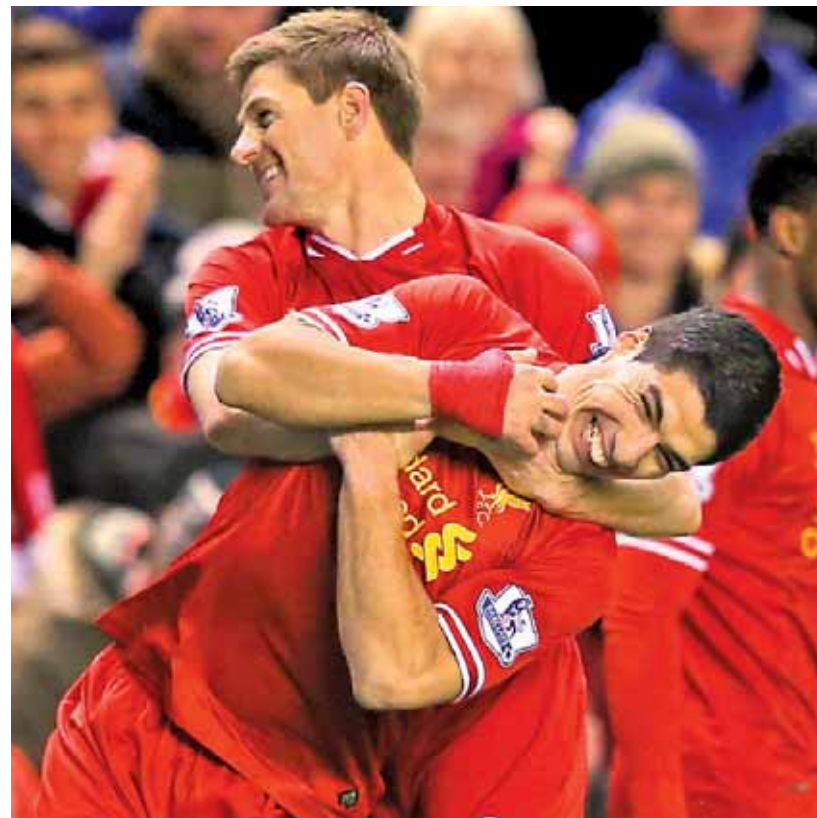
Kingsbury, a 21-year-old from Deux-Montagnes, Que., finished second to Canadian teammate Alexandre Bilodeau at the Sochi Olympics, then claimed his third straight Crystal Globe as the season World Cup winner.

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A warm welcome

"Today is our first day, 24 hours in Canada, so I think it's starting to hit us, realizing the impact we created."

Canadian Olympian Justine Dufour-Lapointe reacts to her family's performance in Sochi.



A footballer's full nelson

Steven Gerrard, left, of Liverpool, celebrates scoring the first goal of the game with teammate Luis Suarez during English Premier League soccer action against Sunderland at Anfield on Wednesday in Liverpool, England. Liverpool won the match 2-1 and moved to within one point of league-leading Chelsea in the title-race.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Hopefully you will see solutions today where before you saw only problems. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to money matters and business issues that involve other people. Together you can make a profit and have fun.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Do you get involved in a feud between friends? You know the answer already, so don't be silly and stand between them to try to keep the peace. If you do, they will gang up on you.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

If you can get someone else to do some of your chores for you today then go for it. You have more important matters to take care of and you may not have energy to spare.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Others can sense your self-confidence and because of that they want to do things for you. Who are you to refuse any offers? It will give you more time to work on a creative project.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

If you need help over the next 24 hours come out and ask for it. If you wait for others to realize that you require assistance chances are you will never get it. They can't read your mind.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You will find it easy to express yourself today and, more importantly, others will find it easy to understand you. If you are involved in a creative pursuit this is also a good time to impress important people.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You'll hear something to your benefit today but your suspicious nature could hold you back from taking advantage. Unless there's evidence someone is trying to trick you, take a chance.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You'll find it easy to work out what is going on in someone's mind today, which in turn will help you decide what you should do next. You see the kind of body language that other people miss.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

It's not like you to withdraw into your shell but you may do so over the next 24 hours. That's OK. You have important issues to decide on and you won't think straight if there is too much noise around you.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

No matter how busy you may be work wise, make an effort to free up some time to spend with your loved ones. They are the people who really matter.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

A remark you toss out into the conversation may not be meant in a negative way but that's how one person may take it. If they do seem offended let them know that you meant no harm.

Pisces

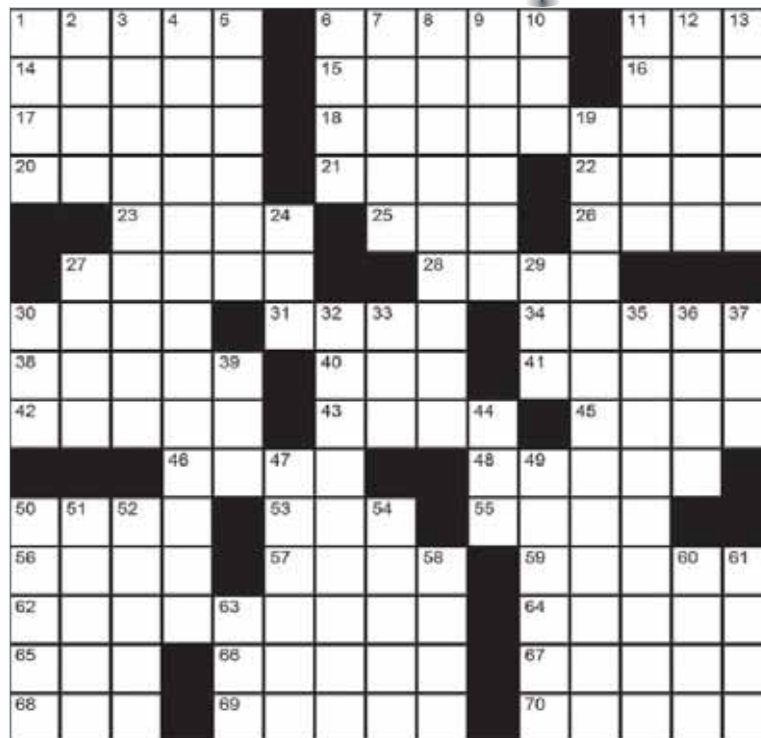
Feb. 20 - March 20

Something will happen today that makes you wonder if there is more going on behind the scenes. Make it your business to find out why certain people are acting so strangely—and use what you discover for your own advantage. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Crockett's "Miami Vice" partner
- Mythological blood
- Do
- ___ ease (Jittery)
- Canadian specialty channel
- ___ constrictor
- Q. "John, George and Ringo ...who's missing?" A. "___, ___ think!"
- Lawyer's briefcase items, briefly: 2 wds.
- Fishhook line
- Oohs' pals
- Funny person
- ___ buckle
- Traveller's li'l way
- Other
- Archie's jalopy, Ol' ___
- Furniture store
- Jeanne ___
- Actress Tara
- Google service
- "The Jetsons" character
- Boot bit
- Hog
- Self-congratulatory exclamation!: 2 wds.
- English river
- Medieval chest
- "No ___!" (Casual response to "Thanks.")
- Flashlight precursor
- Dad
- Nothing
- Certain currency
- Cook's need



- Bunch
- "Leggo!"
- Newfoundland community on the Burin Peninsula
- James ___, White House architect
- Photo
- ABBA's "___ Chance on Me"
- Country's Mr. Adkins
- Tricky
- Publicity
- Flower sort

- Points
- Mongolia city, ___
- Oxford, NS: The ___
- Capital of Canada'
- The 'Royal Winnipeg', for one, in dance: 2 wds.
- Neil Young band-mate, Stephen ___
- Island: Spanish
- Exonerate
- The Bay of Fundy is world famous for

- them: 2 wds.
- Ric of The Cars
- Fam. member
- Heated up, as in cooking
- Ms. Chanel's
- Preference
- 'And Now the Legacy Begins' Hip-Hop greats from

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

- Toronto: 2 wds.
- Norse god of strife
- Community in The Muskokas in Ontario that has an annual cranberry festival
- For instances, for short
- Actress Susan
- Where Mayor of Toronto Rob Ford was born
- Promissory note
- That which Canadian ace Billy Bishop had to engage in during WWI: 2 wds.
- Length measure
- Grassland
- "___ Blues" by The Beatles
- Printemps fol-lower
- GM car safety system
- Alanis Morissette's: "You ___ Know"
- Showy showings
- Be of service
- A brother of Ron Weasley's in 'Harry Potter' books
- 17th-century English composer, Henry ___
- Scientific 'strands'
- Immobilizing spray
- Power [abbr.]
- "Plush" rock gr.

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	1	6	2	3	8	5	7	9
5	9	3	6	7	1	4	2	8
7	2	8	9	5	4	1	6	3
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8	6	1	5	2	9	3	4	7
9	4	2	7	1	3	8	5	6
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